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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

NAKAMURA, Takashi et al.

Group Art Unit: 3682

Serial No.: 09/880,081

Examiner: **Lenard A. FOOTLAND**

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For: **BEARING STRUCTURE**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED July 31, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 30, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **July 31, 2002**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying Species (I), Figures 2-4. Claims 1-7 read on this species. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 1-7 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Respectfully submitted,

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